


Youth in the data deluge: how can the GDPR protect their privacy while fostering their autonomy

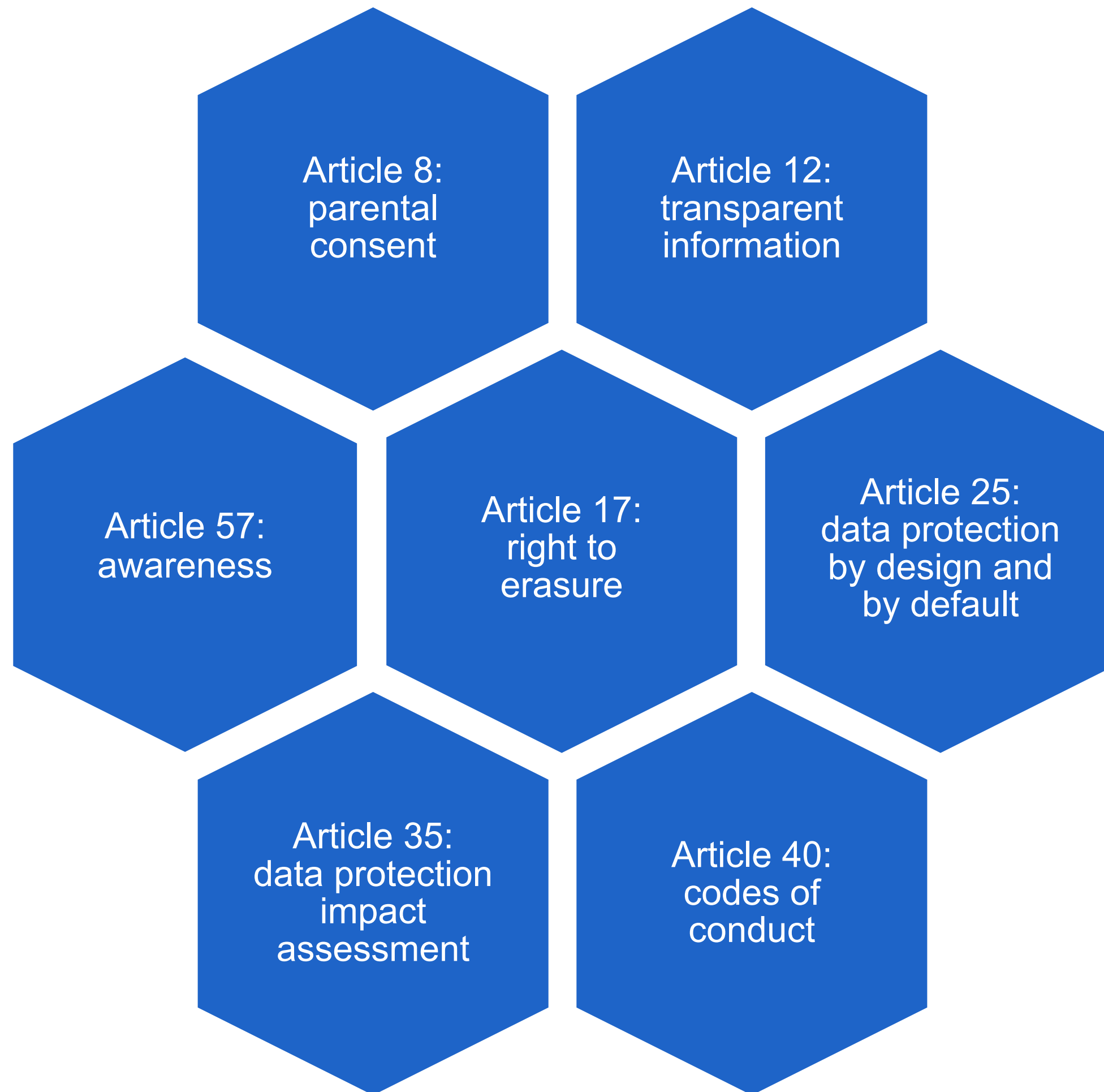
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A photograph of a child's hands holding a tablet with a red case. The screen shows a colorful game with a bright sunburst in the center, a green field, and a blue sky. There are various icons on the screen, including a question mark, a clock, and a back arrow. The child has dark hair and is wearing a red and white striped shirt. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.

CHILDREN ARE
DATA SUBJECTS

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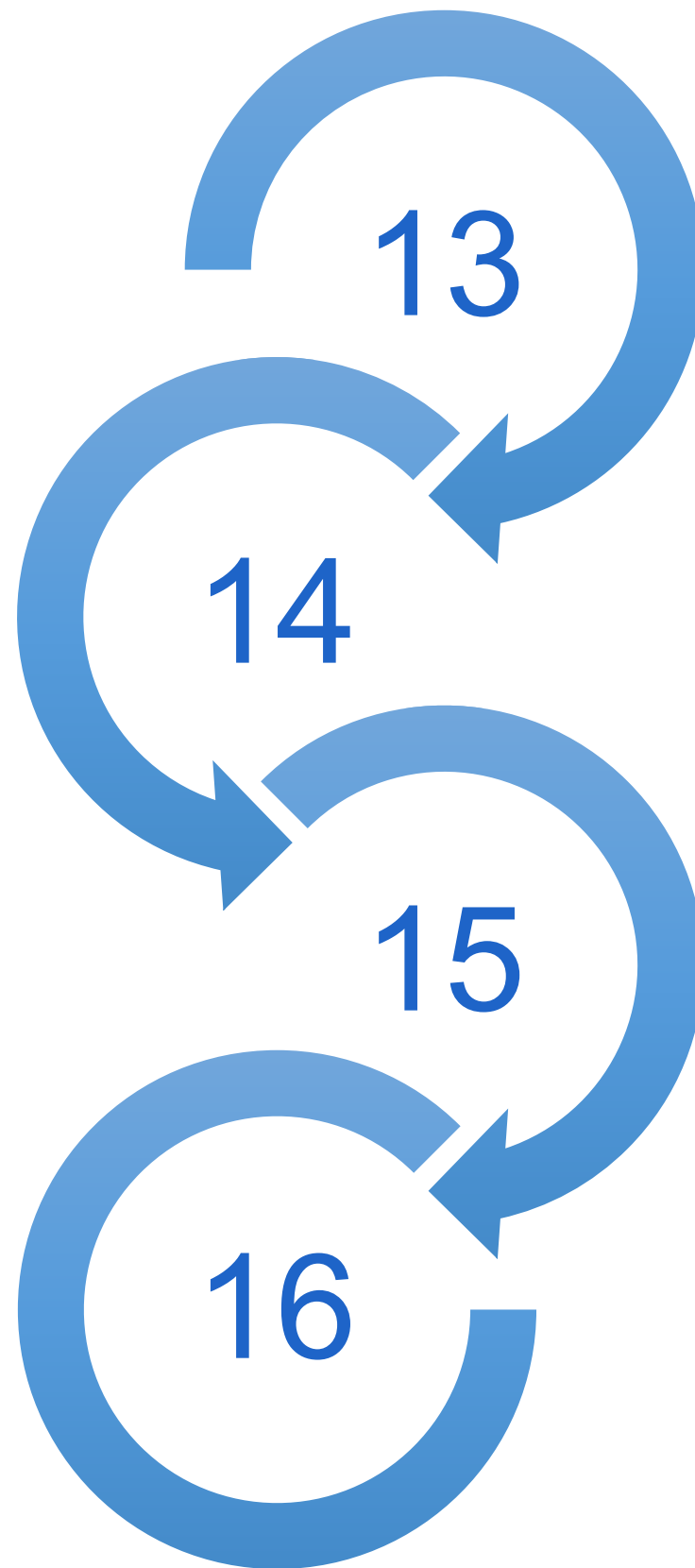
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CHILDREN HAVE A
RIGHT TO PROTECTION
AND PARTICIPATION

Article 8:
parental
consent



- should legislators privilege a lower age?
- how will data protection authorities deal with the enforcement of the obligations?
- how will data controllers implement parental verification?
- is reliance on parents always desirable/possible?
- what about children's freedom of expression, access to information and development of digital literacy?

Under
age of
'parental
consent'

Between
age of
'parental
consent'
and 18

- which level of protection / guidance / safeguards for adolescents, e.g. in relation to (very) privacy-intrusive measures?

A hand holding a smartphone with a red case, displaying a game with a bright sunburst and a circular progress indicator. In the foreground, the back of a child's head with dark hair and a red and white striped shirt is visible.

IMPORTANT DECISIONS AHEAD

For national legislators

For DPAs

For data controllers



CHILDREN DESERVE AN EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACH

(existing) research on

- the reality of children's use of online services
 - their developmental / evolving capacities
 - understanding of data collection practices
- the potential of technology to implement safeguards and strengthen rights

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